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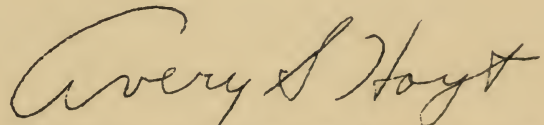
OF THE

BRITISH COLONY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

This revised summary of the plant quarantine import restrictions of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago has been prepared for the information of nurserymen, plant quarantine officials, and others interested in the exportation of plants and plant products to that Colony.

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The information contained in this circular is believed to be correct and complete up to the time of preparation, but it is not intended to be used independently of, nor as a substitute for, the original texts, and it is not to be interpreted as legally authoritative. The ordinances concerned should be consulted for the exact texts.



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PLANT QUARANTINE-IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
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BASIC LEGISLATION

The Plant Protection Ordinance, 1940, empowers the Governor in Council to promulgate regulations prohibiting, restricting and otherwise regulating the entry of plants and other articles for the protection of plants.

The Plant Protection Regulations, 1941, of July 15, 1941, as amended by the Plant Protection (Amendment) Regulations, 1942 and 1943, made by the Governor in Council under section 15 of the above ordinance, revoke the Plant Protection Regulations of 1939 and prescribe new regulations which are hereinafter summarized as they apply to products from the United States.

INTRODUCTION

1. No animal or vegetable organism or other agent, not known to be generally distributed in the Colony, which is or is believed to be inimical to the growth of plants shall be imported into the Colony, and no plant or other article or thing which is or is likely to be infected or infested with any organism or other agent as aforesaid shall, when imported, be delivered to or taken possession of by the consignee or owner thereof until it has been declared free from such infection or infestation by a Plant Protection Officer. (Reg.3)

SUMMARY

General Entry Requirements

2. Shipments of propagating material from all countries of the following plants: banana, plantain and all members of the genus Musa, cacao and all members of the genus Theobroma, citrus and all members of the tribe Citrinae, coffee, coconuts (except from the British West Indies), cottonseed and seed cotton, sugarcane, grasses and other members of the family Gramineae, hevea, soil for scientific investigation, all plant material, except cut flowers, arriving by airplane, must comply with the following conditions:-

- a. Each consignment must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate (State or Federal). (See Par.15, p.6)
- b. Import permits issued in advance by the Director of Agriculture are required for above items. Permit numbers must appear on containers. (See Pars. 13 and 14).
Unrestricted items are listed in Par.6.
- c. Importations of planting material, unless of kinds specified in paragraph 6, may enter only through Port of Spain or Piarco and Cocorite airports. (See Par.8, p.3)

IMPORTATION PROHIBITED

3. Importations of the following are prohibited, except as provided in paragraphs 4 and 11, and as indicated below.

ALLSPICE (Pimenta spp.) from the Greater Antilles. (Par. 16, p. 6)
BANANAS (Musa spp.) except bananas from the British West Indies and plantains from any source. (Par. 21, p. 7)
CITRUS spp. fruit, except from British West Indies not including the British Virgin Islands. (Par. 21a)
COCONUTS (Cocos nucifera L.) except dry, husked nuts, copra, processed coconut fiber, meal and cake.
COFFEE (Coffea spp.) except roasted coffee and raw coffee for transshipment. (Pars. 6 and 17)
COTTON lint, linters, cottonseed meal and cake from all countries except Great Britain, Eire, Canada and British West Indies. (Par. 19, p. 7)
BAGS and baling material which have been used to contain any part of the cotton plant. (Par. 20)
SUGARCANE and other Gramineae, except cereals. (Par. 13)
SOIL and DUNG (Par. 23, p. 8)

IMPORTATION CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITED

4. Importations of propagating materials of the kinds specified below are prohibited, except under special permit issued in advance by the Director of Agriculture: (See Pars. 13, 14, and 15, pp. 5 & 6)

BANANA, plantain and all members of the genus Musa
CACAO (Theobroma spp.)
CITRUS (Citrus spp.) and all members of the tribe Citrinae
COCONUTS (Cocos nucifera L.), except from British West Indies
COFFEE (Coffea spp.)
COTTONSEED and seed cotton
GRAMINEOUS SEEDS, plants and parts thereof
HEVEA (Hevea spp.)
PLANTS IN SOIL
PLANT MATERIAL by airplane (see Par. 12)
SUGARCANE (Saccharum officinarum L.), including seeds.

IMPORTATION RESTRICTED

5. Importations into the Colony of plants and plant products and their wrapping materials from the United States, other than those listed in paragraphs 3 and 4, may be permitted without certification requirements, although subject to inspection, treatment, quarantine, or destruction on arrival in the Colony. (See Par. 21, p. 7 for FRUITS and VEGETABLES)

IMPORTATION UNRESTRICTED

6. The following articles are exempted from the provisions of paragraph 8: (Reg. 8)

COMMERCIAL yeast

DRIED, canned, candied or other processed fruit and vegetables

DRY hulled rice

NUTS (except coconuts)

PLANT products which, having been cooked, parboiled or otherwise processed, are free from any animal or vegetable organism

ROASTED coffee

SEEDS of vegetables or ornamental plants from commercial seedsmen in the United States of America, United Kingdom, Eire, and Canada.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Definitions

7. In these Regulations -

"Plant material" means any tree, shrub, herb, vegetable, fern or moss or any part thereof and includes planting material;

"Planting material" means plants and all parts thereof which are capable of propagation, but does not include cereals and pulses. (Reg. 2)

AUTHORIZED PORTS OF ENTRY

3. In order to ensure compliance with paragraph 1, it is hereby provided that any plant, soil, dung, living insect, non-marine invertebrate animal or any accompanying packages brought to the Colony (except the articles or things specified in paragraph 6) and their containers or wrapping materials shall only enter the Colony through the port of Port of Spain or the Piarco or Cocorite airports which shall be the only ports authorized for the entry of such material: Provided that the Director of Agriculture may grant a permit authorizing the entry of any consignment of any plant or other thing aforesaid through any other Customs port of entry if, in his opinion, entry through such other port is desirable or necessary.

Inspection on Arrival Required

Any such plant or thing aforesaid shall be declared to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise at the port of entry (or at the Post Office for mail packages) and shall be examined by a Plant Protection Officer before delivery to the owner or consignee, except for articles listed in paragraph 6. (Reg. 4)

Disinfection Required of Infected Importations

9. If, after examination of any plant or other thing to which paragraph 8 applies, the Plant Protection Officer considers that any such plant or thing is likely to infect any plant with any animal or vegetable organism or other agent which is or is believed to be inimical to the growth of plants, he may subject such plant or thing to treatment as a precautionary measure against the introduction of any animal or vegetable organism or other agent as aforesaid and may cause such plant or thing to be fumigated or otherwise disinfected or to be destroyed completely or to the extent deemed necessary and in his presence. All cases and packages in which such plant or thing has been contained shall likewise be disinfected or destroyed.

No compensation shall be payable in respect to the destruction of, or damage to, any plant or thing (including packages) as a result of the exercise of the powers conferred by this paragraph. (Reg. 6)

Quarantine Required

10. A Plant Protection Officer may order any plant or thing, to which paragraph 8 applies, to be held until an examination can be made or to be forwarded to the Plant Quarantine Station for examination, treatment or detention.

The importation, detention or treatment of any plant or thing to which paragraph 8 applies, shall be entirely at the risk of the importer and all charges for storage, cartage, and labor, incidental to inspection and treatment, other than the services of the Plant Protection Officer, shall be borne by the importer. (Regs. 7 and 9)

Scientific Importations Permitted

11. Notwithstanding any prohibition or restriction contained in these regulations, the Director of Agriculture shall have power to issue permits for the importation into the Colony of any plant or thing for the use of the Department of Agriculture, the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, the Plant Quarantine Station, or the Research Station of the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation. (Reg. 10)

Permit Required for Plant Material Importations by Airplane

12. Plant material (excepting cut flowers and the articles specified in paragraph 6) shall not be brought to the Colony by airplane whether for importation or transshipment, except under the following conditions: (Regs. 24, 25 and 26)

- a. Plant material consigned to a destination in the Colony by airplane shall not be admitted unless a permit for such importation has previously been issued by the

Director of Agriculture, and the admission of such material shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in such permit.

Planting material specified in paragraph 13 when imported by airplane shall, in addition, be subject to the requirements of paragraphs 13, 14 and 15.

- b. Persons who propose to undertake the regular transshipment to destination outside the Colony of plant material brought to the Colony by airplane shall make application in writing to the Director of Agriculture for a permit authorizing such transshipment. Applications must state the classes or kinds of plant material which it is proposed to transship and the country or countries of origin of such material.

No plant material brought to the Colony by airplane shall be transshipped in the Colony unless covered by a permit from the Director of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and the circumstances of the importations and transshipments shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the permit.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

IMPORTATION CONDITIONALLY PROHIBITED

Propagation Materials Allowed Under Permit

13. The importation into the Colony of the plants, parts thereof, or articles of the kinds specified below shall not be allowed: Provided that planting material may enter if a permit for such importation has previously been granted by the Director of Agriculture for such separate consignment, and subject to the conditions prescribed in such permit: (See pars. 14 and 15)

Bananas (Musa spp.) except fruit of plantains

Cacao (Theobroma spp.)

Citrus (Citrus spp.) and all plants of the tribe Citrinae

Coconuts (Cocos nucifera L.)

Coffee (Coffea spp.) except roasted beans, and as provided for in paragraph 17

Cotton (Gossypium spp.) (See Par. 18)

Gramineous plants and parts thereof (including seeds), except cereals.

Hevea spp.

Plants growing in or accompanied by soil

Sugarcane (Saccharum officinarum L.), including seeds. (Regs. 12 and 30)

Conditions of Permit Issuance and Shipping Requirements

14. The following conditions shall be observed by persons contemplating importing any of the planting material specified in paragraph 13.

- a. A written application for a permit shall be made to the Director of Agriculture specifying the quantity, kind and value of the planting material, the country and locality of origin, the name and address of the consignee and consignor and whether shipment will be made by freight, mail, airmail or air express.
- b. When a permit has been granted, the importer shall furnish the shipper with the number of the permit which must be marked on the container.
- c. Each container of the articles cited in paragraph 13, shall, when imported, bear the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and the number of the permit referred to in b. above. (Reg. 13)

Phytosanitary Certificate Required for Specific Materials

15. In the case of consignments of planting material listed in paragraph 13 originating in a country maintaining a plant inspection service, a certificate signed by an official of the inspection service (State or Federal) shall be attached to the bill of lading or shall be forwarded to the consignee by the shipper. This certificate shall specify the country and locality of origin of the planting material, the number and description of the packages, the treatment (if any) to which the planting material covered by the certificate has been subjected and must contain a statement to the effect that the planting material has been found, or is believed to be, free from organisms or other agents harmful to plants.

The consignee or his agent shall deliver the permit granted by the Director of Agriculture and the certificate mentioned above to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise at the port of entry (or at the Post Office in the case of mail packages) before delivery of the consignment can be obtained. (Reg. 13)

ALLSPICE

16. The fruit and all other parts of allspice (Pimenta spp.) shall not be imported into the Colony from any island of the Greater Antilles. (Reg. 23)

COFFEE

17. Raw coffee (Coffea spp.) shall not be brought to the Colony except for transshipment. The transshipment of raw coffee arriving by airplane

shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph 12. If raw coffee arrives by sea, neither the coffee nor the packages containing it shall be brought ashore. (Reg. 32)

COTTON AND COTTON PRODUCTS

Import Permit Required for Cottonseed and Seed Cotton

18. Cottonseed and seed cotton (Gossypium spp.) shall not be imported into the Colony unless a permit for such importation has previously been granted by the Director of Agriculture. Such importations shall be subject to the conditions prescribed for planting material in paragraph 13. (Reg. 19)

Cotton Lint, Linters, etc., Prohibited

19. Cotton lint, cotton linters, cottonseed meal and cake shall not be imported from the United States and all other countries except the United Kingdom, Eire, British West Indies and Canada: Provided that nothing in this regulation shall prevent the importation of manufactured cotton goods, prepared cotton wool or other processed cotton or of cotton lint and linters contained in factory-made mattresses and other manufactured articles. (Reg. 20)

Used Sacks Prohibited

20. Used or second-hand bags, sacks, baling material or other packages or containers which have contained or are reasonably suspected of having contained any part of the cotton plant, shall not be imported into the Colony. (Reg. 21)

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

No Certification Required

21. Fresh Fruits (except plantains which are not affected by this paragraph, and except fruit imported as planting material under the provisions of paragraph 13) shall not be imported into the Colony, except from the United States of America, Canada, Eire, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the British West Indies and specific articles from British Guiana: Provided that -

Citrus and Bananas Prohibited

- a. Citrus fruit shall be imported only from the British West Indies (But not from the British Virgin Islands).
- b. The fruit of the banana (Musa spp.) shall be imported only from the British West Indies. (Reg. 14)



22. Fresh vegetables from any country of the mainland of America south of the United States of America shall not be imported into the Colony except under a permit for such importations previously granted by the Director of Agriculture and subject to the conditions or restrictions specified in such permit. (Reg. 18)

SOIL AND DUNG

23. Soil (not covered by a permit issued under paragraph 13) or dung shall not be imported into the Colony, except for scientific purposes under a special permit and conditions prescribed by the Director of Agriculture for every consignment. The special permit must be produced to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise before delivery of the consignment can be secured. (Regs. 27 and 28)